



# St Angela's Primary School

## Castle Hill

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## Welcome to 2019

A very warm welcome to an exciting new year of faith, fun and learning. Together, as a community of students, parents, teachers and parish, we look forward to working in partnership towards providing a high level of quality Catholic Education to our students, developing them spiritually, academically, emotionally, socially and physically.

I sincerely hope that the holiday period was a treasured time of relaxation, family and friends.

Congratulations on a wonderful start to the school year by all the children, particularly given the hot weather conditions this week. I have been very proud to see the children quickly settling into their learning and living in harmony with each other.

My sincere thanks to all the staff for beginning the year with such enthusiasm and care in their privileged roles. This year, we welcome a number of new staff members. Welcome to Miss Jana Fizely (6 Yellow), Mrs Jocelyn Williams (REC and 1 Yellow), Mrs Karen Wilson (K Blue), Mrs Julie Grunberg (Executive Release) and Mrs Sara Kennedy (School Counsellor).

We ask for God's blessings over our Christ centred community of new and existing families, staff and religious as we embark on our 19th year of providing a high level of quality Catholic Education for the children, who are our first priority.

A rewarding journey into 2019 awaits as we aim to develop the whole child and foster their lifelong relationship with Christ. As parents and partners in your child's education I encourage you to work alongside the talented, dedicated and professional staff here at St Angela's as they provide and facilitate opportunities for your child to grow to their full potential. Your support is appreciated and is an integral part of the success of St Angela's.

You should be extremely proud of your school, St Angela's, and it's welcoming atmosphere. The way that over 600 children gather together each day to **LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE** is indeed unique and special.

I look forward to working with you as the first educators of your children to make 2019 a most rewarding year.

Congratulations to Mrs Szady and her husband Matt on the announcement of the exciting news, that they will be expecting their first child towards the middle of the year. We wish Mrs Szady a healthy pregnancy and Christ's blessings during this special time.

*Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.*

Tony Calabria  
Principal



## GRADE INFORMATION SESSIONS

This Wednesday, we will hold our grade information sessions. We hope that you can attend so as to enhance the learning of your child by being fully informed of the processes, procedures and content for your child's new grade and stage of learning. Your support and partnership is extremely valued and appreciated.

**Year 1 - 6:00pm on Wednesday 6th February**  
**Kindergarten - 7:00pm on Wednesday 6th February**  
**Year 2 to 6 (combined) - 8:45am on Friday 8th February**

### PARENT TEACHER MEETING

**Parent and Teacher meetings - Wednesday 13th February afternoon/evening (details to be sent home soon).**

Thank you for your support.

## Kindergarten and New Families BBQ Next Friday 8th February

We look forward to gathering with our new families across Years 1 to 6 and all Kindergarten families next Friday afternoon for a welcoming BBQ, commencing at 5:00pm under the big top. We also look forward to presenting our new Kindergarten children to the school community on Friday 15th February at 8:45am. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope you can join us.



## Welcome

We would like to welcome 3 new families to our school this week:

*The Diaz family - Grace (3 Green)*  
*The Manning family - Flynn (3 Blue) and Ella (5 Blue)*  
*The Nuevo family - Jada (3 Green)*

*We hope that your years here with us at St Angela's will be richly blessed and that you will make good friends and experience learning that is meaningful, exciting and growth promoting.*

## Save the Date

**St Angela's Opening School Mass in our  
St Maximilian Kolbe Hall  
Monday 11th February at 11:15am**

## Theme for the Week: "Let Your Light Shine"

*Our first theme of the year is our school motto. It reminds us to use the talents and gifts that God has blessed us with each and every day. Be brilliant in every aspect of life.*



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## Religious Education

Sunday, 27 Jan 2019: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C Gospel

Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

This week marks the beginning of the liturgical use of the gospel of Luke that will feature throughout this year. The choice of passage to begin our journey with Luke is most appropriate. We have the first four verses of the gospel in which the writer makes his purpose clear. We then skip over all the infancy narrative and pick up again in chapter 4 of the gospel where Jesus makes his first public appearance.

Jesus returns to the synagogue in which he has worshipped all his life. He is given the scroll of Isaiah to read and reads the first two verses of Isaiah, chapter 61. But in the middle of this passage he flips back to chapter 58 of Isaiah and reads an additional line, 'to set the downtrodden (oppressed) free'. This event in Nazareth is sometimes referred to as Jesus' inauguration or declaration of mission. The inclusion of the additional verse from Isaiah signals very clearly the way in which Jesus will be portrayed throughout this particular gospel. The gospel of Luke is characterised by the focus of Jesus' mission on the outcast; the oppressed; the downtrodden.

The gospel of Luke is often described as a gospel of compassion. Throughout the gospel we see Jesus enact the verses from Isaiah – bringing good news to the lowliest of society; inviting the least to share in the reign of God. In fact, having read from the scripture, Jesus' very simple homily on the text is 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'. Jesus declares himself to be acting out and fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. This short extract from Isaiah that Jesus adopted as his own 'mission statement' is indeed a mission statement for all Christian people. This is what we too are called to do.

**Q. In what ways are you able to work toward achieving the actions Jesus named as his mission?**

**Q. Why was the inclusion of 'set the downtrodden free' such an important addition to the Isaiah text?**

### Opening School Mass

St Angela's Opening School Mass for 2019 will be celebrated in our St Maximilian Kolbe Hall on Monday the 11th February at 11:15am. As Father Al and Father Gerald will be on a pilgrimage to the holy land for the month of February, Father David Blowey will celebrate this special occasion with us. All are invited to attend, we hope you can join us.

### OLOR Sacramental Programs for 2019

Registration is now open for your child's First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2019. Please visit the [Our Lady of the Rosary Parish](#) website for more information.

*Thank you for your warm welcome as I join St Angela's community. I look forward to an exciting start to a fruitful journey of faith and learning with you all!*

Mrs Jocelyn Williams  
Religious Education Coordinator

***Canteen and Band lessons begin  
next Friday 8th February***

## Are you receiving emails?

As information and various notes are emailed from the school, please ensure that we have your correct/preferred email address on our system. Many thanks.



## Upcoming Dates

### TERM 1

#### Week 2

<b>Mon 4th Feb</b>	Kindergarten Start School 8:30am
<b>Wed 6th Feb</b>	6:00pm Year 1 Grade Information Session All welcome 7:00pm Kindergarten Grade Information Session - All welcome
<b>Fri 8th Feb</b>	Band lessons begin Canteen begins 8:45am Years 2 to 6 General Parent Information Session - All welcome 5:00pm Kindergarten and New Families Welcoming BBQ - All welcome

## Baby News

*Congratulations to our teachers who over the holidays were blessed with new bundles of joy.*

*Congratulations to the Lean family on the arrival of Dakota Belle, a sister for Courtney (2B) and Camryn (5Y) and congratulations to the Hynes family on the arrival of Luke Joseph, a brother for Toby.*

*Welcome to St Angela's School Community.*

## School Census Day Monday 18th February

**Monday 18th February** is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

**If you know your child will be away on Monday 18th February, please email [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au) advising the reason for the absence and when they will return, otherwise, simply respond to the text sent from St Angela's on the day by 10.00am explaining their absence and their date of return to school.**

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Please see coming home soon the  
parent calendar and grade overviews**



Happy birthday to members of our St  
Angela's community who celebrated their birthday in  
JANUARY

**Wed 2nd**  
Max Lukkjanenko

**Thurs 3rd**  
Kira Layoun

**Fri 4th**  
Lucas Borg  
Dineth Jayakody  
Lachlan McDermott

**Sat 5th**  
Dean Aberley  
Joseph Brouillard

**Sun 6th**  
Kate McEvoy

**Mon 7th**  
Caitlin Bagtas  
Lachlan Hall  
Harrison Lee  
Noah Ochudzawa

**Tue 8th**  
Mikayla Martin  
Elissa Zaidan

**Thurs 10th**  
Miss Joice

**Fri 11th**  
Lilah Tokoly

**Sat 12th**  
Ethan Rave Divino  
Oliver Stornelli

**Mon 14th**  
Annelise Guirrerri  
Lachlan Kelly

**Tues 15th**  
Abbey Glass

**Wed 16th**  
Adam Salib

**Sat 19th**  
Mikayla White

**Sun 20th**  
Tara Bishop  
Zachary Brook  
Olivia Millalongo  
Elishia Singh  
Ashton Yu

**Wed 23rd**  
Tiani Layoun

**Thurs 24th**  
Zara Abeyaratne  
Giovanni Anastasio

**Fri 25th**  
Mrs Simpson  
Finn Wheatley

**Sun 27th**  
Lilly Green  
Bastien Milicevic

**Mon 28th**  
Macey Holmes

**Tues 29th**  
Grace Despoges

## St Angela's Staff 2019

Principal: Mr Tony Calabria

Assistant  
Principal: Mrs Michelle Yager

6 Blue: Mr Stephen Lee  
6 Green: Mrs Amanda Ogilvie  
6 Yellow: Miss Jana Fizely

5 Blue: Mrs Theresa Lowden (Coordinator Stage 3  
- Yrs 5 & 6)

5 Green: Miss Gabrielle Joice  
5 Yellow: Mrs Tahlee Simpson

4 Blue: Mrs Simone Di Stefano  
4 Green: Mr Lee Hurst  
4 Yellow: Mrs Elizabeth Kelly

3 Blue: Mrs Rosanne Javidi  
3 Green: Mrs Natalie Newbury/Mrs Jenny Petras  
3 Yellow: Mrs Jasna Rubelj (Coordinator Stage 2  
- Yrs 3 & 4)

2 Blue: Mrs Catherine Bateman  
2 Green: Mrs Michelle Szady  
2 Yellow: Mrs Megan Aberley (Coordinator Early Stage 1/  
Stage 1 - Kindy, Yrs 1 & 2)

1 Blue: Ms Suzette Lewis-Driver  
1 Green: Mrs Kristy Smith  
1 Yellow: Mrs Jocelyn Williams  
(Religious Education Coordinator)

K Blue: Mrs Karen Wilson  
K Green: Miss Leisa Claxton  
K Yellow: Mr Anthony Stagnitta

Learning  
Support: Mrs Brooke McDonald  
Mrs Janine Kiaian  
Mrs Lynne Sandri  
Mrs Lucy Kaelin

Library/  
Teaching  
Learning  
Centre: Mrs Rosanne North (Teacher/Librarian)  
Mrs Karem Castro (Library Assistant)

Specialists  
And  
Coordinator  
Release: Mrs Kerry Powell (Music)  
Mrs Andra Hemmings (Physical Education)  
Mrs Lucy Kaelin (2Y and Learning Support)  
Mrs Lynne Sandri (3Y and Learning Support)  
Mrs Julie Grunberg (5B)  
Mrs Natalie Moller (1Y)

Teachers'  
Aides: Mrs Karem Castro  
Mrs Bernadette Melville  
Mrs Karen Mirabello  
Mrs Kim Williams

Admin: Mrs Elizabeth Burke  
Mrs Linda McKinnon  
Mrs Lisa Martin  
Mrs Kylie Ross

Maintenance: Mr Rick Laird

Cleaning: Mrs Ana Stuardo

IT Trainee: Mr Andrew Losurdo

COSHC  
Coordinator: Ms Shameema Davids

School  
Counsellor: Mrs Sarah Kennedy

Band: Mr Daryl Walton

### NEW FAMILIES BBQ

### CALLING ALL CURRENT KINDER PARENTS AND ANY OTHER PARENTS

As is tradition at St Angela's, we will welcome all the Kinder 2019 families and any new families from 1-6 to our St Angela's community with a BBQ and drinks early in the new school year. We ask that available parents from this year's Kinder and/or any grade who would be willing to help organise the occasion please email the school office at [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au). This event will take place on **Friday, 8th February at 5:00pm.**

*Please join in and help extend the same welcome that was extended to you when your child started Kinder this year.*

### Supporting and Extending Your Child's Learning

Over the next few weeks, the teachers will extensively assess your child so as to get to know their strengths and areas of need. They will also read each child's file and reports so as to get a better perception of their past performance and successes. It is important to have a good understanding of each child's needs before launching into the programming of work, so that it meets these needs.

Please return the Student Information form coming home today no later than **Thursday 7th February**, so that your valuable input can be utilised to assist your child.

### 2019 Prescribed Medication Forms

Forms and action plans, which are required to be updated for 2019, were emailed at the end of last year to those families whose children currently have medication stored at school on a permanent basis. If you have not already done so, please return the completed forms to the office as soon as possible. **Please notify the school via email at [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au) if your child's medical requirements have changed and they no longer require medication to be permanently stored at school.** We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

### Please keep in your prayers

*Our prayers are extended to the Rambow family, Aiden (3B) and Amity (former student) due to the passing into eternal life of their grandfather.*



## Class Parent Representatives

At the grade information sessions for Kindergarten and Year 1 and the combined Year 2 to 6 session, we will be asking for volunteers to take on the role of "Class Parent Representative". This voluntary role assists the class/grade community and the teacher. Aspects of the role include:

- Attending a meeting once a term
- Welcoming new parents to the class
- Coordinating nominated class school activities, for example, the Mothers' Day stall
- Bringing forward any ideas that parents may have to add to school life
- Encouraging/coordinating the class or grade to have a parent morning tea
- Encouraging others to seek information from the appropriate source
- Liaising with the class teacher to assist with volunteers etc. if needed
- Celebrating baby arrivals etc. with a card

The role can certainly be shared and we welcome your participation. For ease of communication, we will endeavour to have a maximum of 2 parents per class to fulfil this role with one being the main contact person. If interested, please see the teachers at the grade sessions or email the school at [stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au).

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Looking to play netball in 2019?  
**KELLYVILLE NETBALL CLUB**  
Via Facebook Search, Like and Follow  
[Kellyville Netball Club](#)



### School Travel Advice

The new Castle Hill Interchange will be open on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019. All the Hillsbus public and school services will operate and/or terminate at the new Castle Hill Interchange from 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019.

## Star Spot

★ Congratulations to Jorja McKnight who competed in the Showcase National Dance Championship and she was fortunate to win the prestigious title Of Dancer of the Year!! Jorja is the Junior Australasian champion and will now travel to Italy in July to dance at the World Dance Movement. She won this trip as part of her prize for winning Dancer of the Year.



**Hockey** - free clinic for children aged 11 and under to have a go at hockey. Contact Kerry from Baulkham Hills Hockey Club on 0416 081 922 or visit [baulkhamhillshockey.com.au](http://baulkhamhillshockey.com.au)

**Sent Home This Week:** Emailed: Sports Uniform Days  
Hard Copy: Student Information 2019

## Sport News

2019 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials **Expression of Interests** close **Saturday 9th February** for ALL TEAM Sports - AFL, Hockey, Cricket, Football (Soccer), Netball, Rugby League 11 Years, Rugby League Opens, Rugby Union, Touch Football. Please go to the website to complete registrations. Your child **MUST** play at a representative or division 1 level for their chosen sport. Please be aware that this is an expression of interest and is no guarantee that your child will be able to trial. Please only register once per sport using the link below by choosing the sport that you are nominating your child for and upon pressing the submit button a reply email should be received to confirm the nomination.

Schools will be notified in approximately 10 days after the closing date of nominations.

<http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/rep-selections>

Mrs Andra Hemmings  
Sport Coordinator

## Important Allergy Information

At St Angela's we have a number of children who have severe allergies to nuts. While allergic reactions are common and most are not serious, for some people the reaction can be life-threatening. This is called anaphylaxis and can occur in minutes of an exposure to a trigger, in these children's case, nuts.

We see prevention as a major part of providing a safe environment for these children. So as to support our community's effort in this regard, parents are requested not to send nuts or foods containing nuts to school with their children.

The following list gives examples of such foods.

- Peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, macadamia nuts
- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Biscuits and cakes containing nuts
- Snack packs containing nuts
- Chocolate bars containing nuts eg Picnics, Mars Bars (almond), Nut Breaks and Fruit and Nut chocolates
- Marzipan and nougat
- Breakfast cereals containing nuts eg Crunchy Nut/Honey Nut Cornflakes, Muesli, Nutrigrain
- Muesli Bars and snack bars containing nuts
- Yoghurt and nut mixer packs
- Confectionary items such as Lolly Gobble Bliss Bombs and Rocky Road
- Uncle Toby's yoghurt muesli bars

We realise that there may be trace elements of nuts in a variety of other foods. However, if you use the above list as a guide you will be doing your part. Parents can also reinforce with their children that sharing food is not allowed at St Angela's.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the school. Thank you for your support and understanding in helping us cater to the health needs of all of our children.

### Birthday Treats

***Celebrating a birthday is something all children look forward to! If your child wishes to bring a treat to school to share with their friends (purely optional), we kindly ask that you send in cupcakes or donuts. Cupcakes or donuts are preferred as they are easy to hand out and are a treat that all children enjoy. Due to a multitude of allergies present, we ask that you do not send lollies, chocolates or other treats in. Similarly at Easter or Christmas, we ask that you do not send in lollies, chocolates or candy canes. Please note, although a lovely idea, ice blocks are not practical as we have limited freezer space. If your child has allergies, you are welcome to send some cakes in a labelled container for your child, which will be kept in the freezer in the staffroom and given out as necessary. Thank you for supporting us as we endeavour to keep all children safe and happy!***

## Quote of the Week

*"Cherish simple pleasures ... time spent together, the gift of friendship and love."*